



The Saskatchewan
Water Appeal Board

Annual Report 1984-85

Saskatchewan Water Appeal Board

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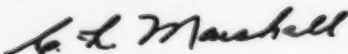
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Hon. Tim Embury
Minister
Saskatchewan Environment

Dear Mr. Embury:

I am pleased to present the annual report of The
Water Appeal Board for the fiscal year ended
March 31, 1985.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Clayton Marshall". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Clayton" and last name "Marshall" clearly distinguishable.

Clayton Marshall
Chairman

Chairman's Comments

It has been a most fulfilling and interesting year for our Board in 1984-85.

The Saskatchewan Drainage Appeal Board was continued under the Water Appeal Board which was established under *The Water Appeal Board Act* (Bill No. 73 of 1983-84) and became law upon the proclamation of *The Water Corporation Act* on July 1st, 1984. *The Water Appeal Board Act* came into force on July 1st, 1984.

Unlike the old Drainage Appeal Board, The Water Appeal Board is a body corporate and receives its funding in the form of a grant from the Consolidated Fund. The Board has full responsibility for its financial operations.

We opened, under the Minister of Finance Order No. 11 & 12, 1984, trust and operating accounts at the Toronto-Dominion Bank, Rosemont Shopping Centre Branch, Regina, Saskatchewan. The trust account is set up for handling the appellant fees and the operating account is set up for the day to day business of the board.

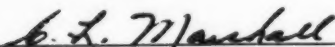
The Board retains a secretary on a contractual basis, who is situated in the City of Regina. Two lawyers have been hired by the Board on a fee for service basis; one located in Regina and the other located in Lanigan, Saskatchewan.

We have prepared Rules of Practice and Procedures for the purpose of carrying out our functions and duties, and these rules came into effect on March 21st, 1985 and were subsequently published in the Saskatchewan Gazette.

The Board convened nine Board Meetings in Regina and Saskatoon throughout the year.

We appreciate the co-operation we have received this past year, from the Administration staff of the Department of the Environment and from the Saskatchewan Water Corporation.

It has indeed been a challenge to determine the most reasonable and equitable solution to the appeals made by the rural & urban residents of the Province of Saskatchewan.


Clayton Marshall - Chairman

March 31st, 1985

Board Members

Chairman:	Clayton Marshall Somme, Saskatchewan
Vice-Chairman:	Robert Dorsch Weyburn, Saskatchewan
Member:	Gerald A. Fuller Regina, Saskatchewan
Member:	Paul Stankewich Canora, Saskatchewan
Member:	Rea Eagles Macoun, Saskatchewan

Table No. 1

Report on Appeals

File	Carried Fwd from 83-84	New 84-85	Heard 84-85	Decided 84-85	Carried Fwd to 85-86	Decision Carried Fwd 85-86	Dept. Decision Upheld - retain	Decision Overturned Return	Withdrawn
WAB-53-83	x (1)				x (1)				
WAB-100-84	x (2)			x				x (2)	
WAB-101-84	x (2)			x				x (2)	
WAB-102-84	x (2)			x				x (2)	
WAB-103-84	x (2)			x				x (2)	
WAB-104-84	x (2)		x	x				x (2)	
WAB-106-84	x (2)							x (2)	
WAB-107-84	(2)	x	x	x			x (2)		x (2)
WAB-108-84	(1)	x	x			x			
WAB-109-84	(2)	x	x	x			x (2)		
WAB-110-84	(2)	x	x	x			x (2)		
WAB-111-84	(1)	x	x	x			x (1)		
WAB-112-84 (a)	(1)	x			x				
WAB-112-84 (b)	(1)	x			x				
WAB-113-84	(1)	x			x				
WAB-114-84	(1)	x	x	x				x (1)	
WAB-115-84	(1)	x	x	x				x (1)	
WAB-116-84	(1)	x	x	x				x (1)	
WAB-117-84	(1)	x			x				

NOTES:

(1) These files were all handled directly by the Water Appeal Board as to the trust funds being deposited and/or disbursed.

(2) These files were all handled by the Department of Environment as to the trust funds being deposited and disbursed.

File WAB-105-84 is not listed above as had been dealt with completely in the period 83-84.

File WAB-53-83 and WAB-108-84 were deposited originally with the Department of Environment and after the Water Appeal Board came into effect, the Department of Environment turned these two trust funds over to the Water Appeal Board to be dealt with by it.

Table No. 2

Activity	1983-84	1984-85
Appeals carried forward	3	
Decisions carried forward	4	
Appeals withdrawn	1	
Appeals received		12
Appeals denied		nil
Appeals heard in 84-85	1	8
Appeals carried forward to 85-86	1	4
Decisions rendered		12
Department Decisions affirmed		4
Department Decisions overturned		8
Outstanding Decisions on appeals heard		1

Auditor's Report

**To the Members of the Legislative Assembly
Province of Saskatchewan**

I have examined the balance sheet of the Water Appeal Board as at March 31, 1985 and the statement of operating fund revenue, expenditure and accumulated surplus for the period then ended. My examination was made in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, and accordingly included such tests and other procedures as I considered necessary in the circumstances.

In my opinion, these financial statements present fairly the financial position of the Board as at March 31, 1985 and the results of its operations for the period then ended in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles.

**W.G. Lutz, F.C.A.,
Provincial Auditor,**

**Regina, Saskatchewan,
July 19, 1985.**

**Water Appeal Board
Balance Sheet
As at March 31, 1985
Operating Fund**

Assets:

Bank	\$ 2,000
Investments	40,000
Accrued interest	300
Prepaid expenses	90
Due from Trust Fund	100
	<u>\$42,490</u>

Liabilities and Equity

Liabilities:

Accounts payable	\$ 252
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Equity:

Accumulated surplus	42,238
	<u>\$42,490</u>

Trust Fund

Assets:

Bank	<u>\$ 700</u>
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Liabilities:

Appellant fees (Note 1)	\$ 600
Due to Operating Fund	100
	<u>\$ 700</u>

(See accompanying notes)

**Water Appeal Board
Operating Fund
Statement of Revenue, Expenditure and Accumulated Surplus
For the Period July 1, 1984 to March 31, 1985**

Revenue:

Government grant	\$63,648
Investment income	2,552
Appellant fees (Note 1)	<u>100</u>

\$66,300

Expenditure:

Honoraria	8,025
Secretarial services	3,193
Travel and sustenance	5,965
Telephone	633
Legal	4,716
Office (including postage, photocopying and supplies)	1,059
Miscellaneous	<u>471</u>

24,062

Excess of revenue over expenditure

42,238

Accumulated surplus, beginning of period

Accumulated surplus, end of period

\$42,238

(See accompanying notes)

Water Appeal Board

Notes to Financial Statements

March 31, 1985

1. Accounting Policies

A. Grants from the Province of Saskatchewan

Under the authority of section 7 of The Water Appeal Board Act, the board receives grants out of moneys appropriated by the legislature for the purposes identified in that section from the Consolidated Fund of the Province.

Grants received from the Consolidated Fund are recorded as revenue when received.

B. Appellant Fees

Appellant fees are held in a trust account until the appeal has been heard and the decision rendered. Once the decision has been rendered by the Appeal Board, then the appellant fee is dealt with in one of two manners:

- i) The fee is returned to the appellant if he/she has been successful in his/her appeal.
- ii) The fee is retained by the Board if the appellant is not successful in his/her appeal.

Any fees which have been retained by the Board become income of the Board.

2. Establishment of Board

The Water Appeal Board was established under The Water Appeal Board Act (Bill No. 73 of 1983-84) and became law upon the proclamation of The Saskatchewan Water Corporation Act on May 25, 1984. The Water Appeal Board Act came into force on July 1, 1984.

3. Comparative Information

No comparative information has been shown as this is the first period of operation of the Water Appeal Board.